

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Application No. 09/810,220  
Attorney Docket No. Q63638

Art Unit No. 2135

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 9, 18 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include every element of claims 8 and 9, which have subsequently been canceled. Claim 13 has been amended to include every element of claims 17 and 18, which have subsequently been canceled. Claim 20 has been amended to include every element of claim 25, which has subsequently been canceled. Claims 10 and 19 have also been editorially amended.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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